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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 1984

TO: Tom Russell, Chief
Enforcement Section

THRU: Terry Gray ^{TF6}

FROM: Reggie Baker ^{Rob}
Plan Review and Permit Section

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



318396

SUBJECT: Closure Problems with Luria Brothers, Gary Processing Plant

On Wednesday, July 18, 1984, Jim Mattes and I conducted a post-closure inspection of the vacated Luria Brothers facility located at 6633 West Industrial Boulevard, Gary, Indiana. Numerous items were found at the site. Though some of the items may not be hazardous, the burden of proof clearly rests with Luria Brothers. The items found include the following:

1. One 55 gallon drum labeled "Ethylene Glycol" over one-half full with an open bung.
2. Twenty bags labeled "Soda Ash" which were torn open and spilling on the ground.
3. Four 100 pound bags of unknown material from AP Green Refractories.
4. One 5 gallon container labeled "Alumina Chromic Oxide Phosphate Bonded Plastic Refractory".
5. Six 55 gallon drums labeled "Phillips Petroleum" which were open and contained a dark oil which may have been reclaimed motor oil.
6. A very large, possibly 10,000 gallon storage tank labeled "Journal Oil" and with "No Smoking" stickers on it. This tank was steadily leaking a dark, viscous oily substance on the ground.

Background

In May 1981, Luria Brothers applied for a hazardous waste processing permit to process waste solids from Bethlehem Steels' Burns Harbor plant.

EPA I.D. Code No. - IND003913423
Hazardous Class - ORM-E
Hazardous Material I.D. No. - NA9189
EPA Hazardous Waste No. - F006 and K062

The plant was granted interim status and given EPA I.D. No. IND095264818. In December 1981, the plant stopped operation and withdrew their request for permanent status. The facility has since been vacated and left in a shamble with equipment and junk all over. In addition, all the ground at the facility had a reddish color and was mostly devoid of plant life. Physical security was nonexistent and anyone could wander on-site and be exposed to numerous hazards of the delapidated steel buildings and junk equipment.

Action

At a minimum, we would like the above-listed items to be removed from the property and properly disposed, and soil sampling would be very appropriate if possible. Since Luria Brothers no longer operates in Indiana, I recommend that enforcement action be forwarded to U.S. EPA, Region V. The main office address and the phone number for Luria Brothers is:

20521 Chagrin Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44101
Phone: AC 216/752-4000

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please call me on extension #5092.

ROB/jb

cc: Jim Mattes
Jim Hunt ✓